GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NEW SCHEMES PROGRAMMES FOR HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce new schemes/programmes to improve the health infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received proposals from the State Governments financial assistance for the above schemes/programmes;

(d) whether State Governments have also demanded funds for strengthening of medical colleges and for the establishment of at least one center of excellence like the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in every State; and

(e) if so, the decision of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFHEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) Introduction of Schemes and programmes to improve the Health infrastructure in the country is an ongoing process within which financial assistance is given to the State Governments as per the guidelines formulated under various schemes and programmes.

(d) & (e) The Central Government has no scheme to provide assistance for strengthening the medical colleges in the States or for establishing centres of excellence like AIIMS in various States. Health being a State subject, the States have to approach the Planning Commission for such additional assistance under State Health Sector.